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BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

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UNITED MICROELECTRONICS CORPORATION  
AND UMC GROUP (USA),  
Petitioner,

v.

ADVANCED INTEGRATED CIRCUIT PROCESS LLC,  
Patent Owner.

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Case IPR2025-01053  
Patent 8,796,779

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**PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR PARTIAL REFUND OF *INTER PARTES*  
REVIEW REQUEST FEES**

Petitioners United Microelectronics Corporation and UMC Group (USA) request a partial refund of *Inter Partes* Review (IPR) request fees in the amount of \$23,298. A separate refund request is concurrently filed and directed to the refund of the post-institution fees of \$28,125.

On May 23, 2025, Petitioner filed a Petition for IPR of claims 1, 2, 7, 12, and 13 of U.S. Patent No. 8,796,779 in IPR2025-01053. *See* Paper 1. As required by 37 C.F.R. § 42.15(a), Petitioner deposited \$51,875 with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) at the time of filing the Petition to cover associated fees. Petitioner's payment consisted of \$23,750 in fees associated with the request for IPR, and an additional \$28,125 in post-institution fees.

After the filing of the Petition, the Director issued a new set of guidelines related to the exercise of discretion. On October 10, 2025, the Director issued its Decision Denying Institution of IPR terminating this proceeding upon granting Patent Owner's Request for Discretionary Denial because of the status of the district court trial and the Patent Owner's settled expectations. *See* Paper 11. The Board never considered the Petition nor the merits of this Review. Minimal resources were expended pre-institution and a Director's Review is otherwise subject to a \$452 fee (*See* 37 C.F.R. § 42.15(f)).

Therefore, Petitioner requests a partial refund of the pre-institution IPR request fees paid to the USPTO in connection with this proceeding in the amount of

IPR2025-01053 (Patent 8,796,779)  
Petitioner's Request for Partial Refund

\$23,298 (*i.e.*, the \$23,750 IPR request fees minus the Director's Review fee), to be paid to Deposit Account No. DA201507 for Troutman Pepper Locke LLP.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 42.6(e), this is to certify that on this 25th day of November, 2025, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing **PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR PARTIAL REFUND OF *INTER PARTES* REVIEW REQUEST FEES** by e-mail on the following designated counsel of record:

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